is considered adequate. The Government is also supporting CWC in its plans for enhancing the utilization of storage capacity available and its plans for business diversification, to help the Corporation to earn profits.

Fertilizers availability during Kharif

861. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that the availability of complex fertilizers has affected the cultivation during the Kharif season; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The position was tight regarding the availability of Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP) during the Kharif, 2004. However, the availability was ensured and no serious shortage of Complex Fertilizers has been reported by any State Government during Kharif, 2004.

Farmers emigrating from A.P.

862. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether hundreds of debt-ridden farmers in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka had committed suicide during the last seven months;

(b) whether many distressed farmers from Andhra Pradesh are attempting to emigrate to Uganda and Kenya where they have been offered arable land on lease to grow cotton, sugarcane, tobacco and millets;

(c) whether Government are aware that land-related issues have become hypersensitive in Kenya/thereby even endangering the lives of alien farming communities; and

(d) how Government propose to mitigate the suffering of emigrated farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) Central Government (Ministry of Agriculture) have not permitted deputing of farmers to foreign countries

including Uganda and Kenya. Further information is, however, being collected from the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

Review of SACP

863. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the Special Agricultural Credit Plan (SACP);

(b) whether it has benefited the small and marginal farmers; and

(c) if so, the details about the Plan and Procedure being taken in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The public sector banks have been formulating Special Agricultural Credit Plan (SACP) since 1994-95 for improving the flow of credit of agriculture. Under SACP, banks fix self-set targets for achievement during the year (April-March). The targets fixed by the banks, generally show an increase of about 20-25% over the disbursements made in the previous year. During the last three years the flow of credit from public sector banks to agricultural sector has increased substantially as under:

Year	Disbursements (amounts in Rs. Crores)	% year on year growth in disbursements
2001-02	29332.39	18.97
2002-03	33921.05	15.64
2003-04	42210.77	24.43

Public sector banks have disbursed 27.50%, 26.73% and 31.30% of the total disbursements to agriculture under Special Agricultural Credit Plan (SACP) to small and marginal farmers during 2001-2002, 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 respectively. In order to improve the flow of credit to small